



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 8661

Offered by:

SEN. GENUARIO, 25th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **534**

File No. 851

Cal. No. 350

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING EYE EXAMINATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. The Commissioners of Public Health and Education shall
4 jointly establish a task force to study the issues related to the
5 establishment of a requirement for eye examinations for children
6 enrolling in elementary school. The task force shall consist of
7 representatives of managed care organizations, optometrists,
8 ophthalmologists, pediatricians, family physicians, Medicaid managed
9 care providers, elementary school teachers and parents of elementary
10 school-age children. On or before February 1, 2002, the commissioners
11 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to
12 the General Assembly on the study and make recommendations
13 concerning such eye examinations.

14 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-491 of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

16 (a) There shall be a "Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance
17 Contract to the Elderly and the Disabled Program" which shall be
18 within the Department of Social Services. The program shall consist of
19 payments by the state to pharmacies for the reasonable cost of
20 prescription drugs dispensed to eligible persons minus a copayment
21 charge, effective July 1, 1993, of twelve dollars for each prescription
22 and payments by the state to providers of eye glasses for up to eighty
23 per cent of the cost of such glasses for eligible persons up to a
24 maximum of two hundred fifty dollars per eye glass prescription. The
25 pharmacy shall collect the copayment charge from the eligible person
26 at the time of each purchase of prescription drugs, and shall not waive,
27 discount or rebate in whole or in part such amount."